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THE CHAPEL



RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

CATHOLIC MASS

CHAPEL Sunday 8:00 A.M.

RECREATION ROOM—

Old Hospital Sunday 10:15 A.M.

DAILY MASS Chapel 7:30 A.M.

Confessions before each Mass

PROTESTANT SERVICES

BIBLE CLASS—Chapel Sunday 9:30 A.M.

CHAPEL Sunday 10:00 A.M.

CHAPEL Sunday 7:30 P.M.

RECREATION ROOM—

Old Hospital Sunday 9:00 A.M.

RECREATION ROOM—

Old Hospital Sunday 5:30 P.M.

CHAPEL Wednesday 7:30 P.M.

RECREATION ROOM—

Old Hospital Wednesday 5:30 P.M.

Religious services are also held every Sunday morning at the Medical Department Enlisted Technicians' School, in the Assembly Hall, 11:00 A.M.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

The matter of church attendance is an important question both from the standpoint of church and the worshiper. No organization can exist without members. This is as true of religious activities as of any other organization.

A large religious attendance lends inspiration to all those present, while a small gathering has a tendency to depress and remove the atmosphere of worship.

The religious organization extends a warm invitation to all to come to worship, but it can go no further. Naturally, the Chaplain is anxious to have a good steady attendance.

Individual regular attendance is most essential. Attendance may not save one, but it will furnish nourishment for spiritual growth. An indifferent attendant at religious services never really enjoys his religion and will certainly never be of spiritual assistance to anyone else.

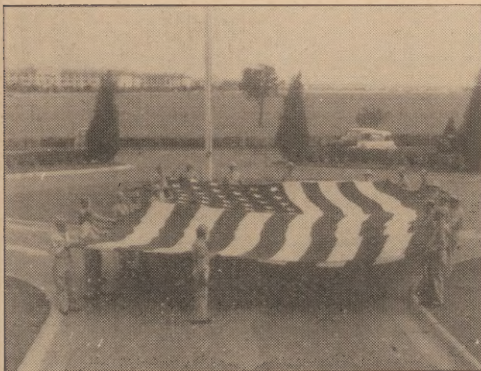
There are several reasons why one should attend religious services regularly. First, your Church or Chapel is the place where you will find God. The Chapel of the Army is God's House just as much as any Church. It is dedicated solely to religious activities and, as Christ said, "It is the place of prayer." Second, God's House is the place where you will find those who are striving to live the upright Christian life. Good people attend services for they find a joy in doing so. And third, attendance at Church services places in one's life the best habit that can be formed—and proves to the world that the Christian religion lives. When one attends Church regularly, he is observed by his fellow men who know him and who will respect him better for his good habits.

There are many other reasons that might be given for attending religious services regularly, but the above incorporate the fundamental reasons. If serious thought is

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The Garrison Flag on the Cover

Official U. S. Army Photographs

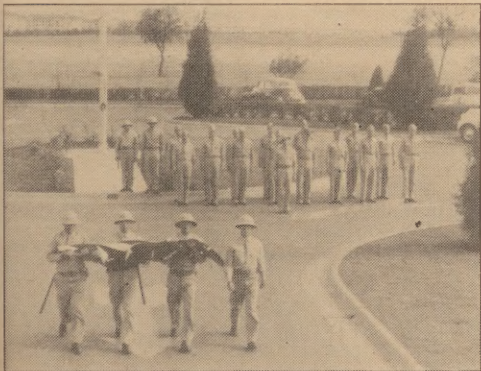


The Garrison flag as it was lowered on Flag Day, 14 June 1944. It requires 22 men to spread this flag before folding.



Many of us here at Brooke General Hospital have noted with interest, the flying of three differently sized National Flags.

We all know that the national flag represents the living country and is considered as a living thing. We each deeply respect and highly honor our Flag, for it represents the country every free American is willing to die for.



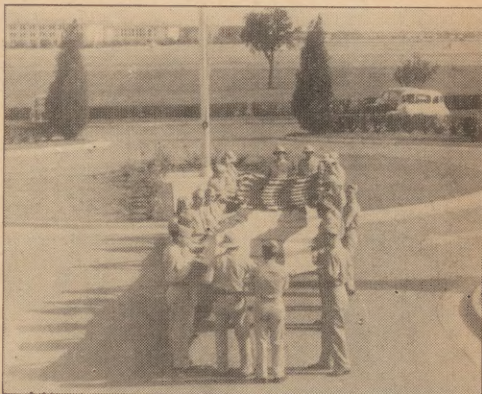
Three men are required to carry the Garrison flag from the staff to headquarters.

The following explanation for the flying of the Garrison, the Post, and the Storm Flags will help us all to better understand "flag courtesy."

The Garrison flag of Brooke is 20 feet hoist by 38 feet fly. It is hoisted only on holidays and important occasions. This flag is furnished only to each post which is of permanent status.

The Post flag is 10 feet hoist by 19 feet fly, and is hoisted in pleasant weather only. The Post flag is furnished to all garrisoned posts, national cemeteries, and non-garrisoned historic posts.

The Storm flag is 5 feet hoist by 9 feet 6 inches fly, and is furnished to all garrisoned posts, to semi-permanent camps and to each organization furnished a garrison



The Garrison flag as it was being folded on Flag Day.



or post flag. It is for use in stormy and windy weather, and may also be displayed in any weather during such hours as may be designated by the commanding officer of semi-permanent camps.

"A War Expert Views the News"

By Colonel H. L. Landers, U. S. Army, Retired

Military Commentator on Texas Quality Network

from Station WOAI San Antonio, Texas

Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

THE MARIANAS

Last Monday (June 19) at dusk a powerful armada of bomber, torpedo and fighter planes from Task Force No. 58, commanded by Vice Admiral Mitscher, attacked a Japanese naval task force from the Philippines. The enemy force had been sending its aircraft against an American invasion force of infantry and marines which had landed on Saipan Island of the Marianas, under the support of powerful warships. Details of the action were not made known until Thursday, and in the meantime there was a most unseemly amount of unbalanced discussions as to how much of the enemy's fleet had been encountered, and how we hoped Japan's full naval strength might be present so that we could destroy it.

Our naval forces began an air attack Saturday, June 10, on Saipan, Tinian and Rota Islands of the Marianas and on Guam, which lies 130 miles south of Saipan. For two days all action was in the air, but after many enemy planes had been destroyed, American battleships and cruisers drew close to shore on the 12th and began bombarding Saipan, and at a later day Guam. In four days 144 Japanese planes were destroyed, all airstrips had been churned up and made unserviceable, and on Wednesday the 14th troops landed on the southwest point of Saipan, where the Japanese had the Aslito airdrome and a naval base on Magicienne Bay. While the landing was being made on Saipan, which lies 1,470 miles south of Tokyo, a task group from Task Force 58 was blasting Bonin and Kazan Islands, which lie between 600 and 700 miles south of Tokyo. Forty-seven Japanese planes were destroyed and several ships and small craft were sunk or damaged around the Bonins and Kazans. Later in the week the enemy made a desperate but unsuccessful attempt to land reinforcements, wherein 13 troop-laden barges were destroyed. On Friday the 16th the Japanese lost 25 tanks in an unsuccessful attack on our forces struggling to capture the Aslito airdrome.

What the Japanese Admiralty thought of all this can be reduced to a few words—five naval bases and all war industry from Tokyo to Nagasaki would be open to attack by super-bombers as soon as the Aslito airstrip was captured and enlarged, therefore part of the fleet must be used to drive the American invaders from Saipan. On

Sunday the 18th, planes from probably seven to nine carriers of a Japanese task force attacked the American Task Force 58 off the Marianas, in the greatest Pacific air battle since that of Midway in June, 1942. In a period of several hours our fighters and anti-aircraft fire destroyed 353 enemy planes. The Japanese had hit and lost, for the destruction of these planes meant that the few planes still left with the task force could not give protection, so there was nothing to do but run for cover in the Philippines.

American reconnaissance planes discovered the enemy's warships on Monday the 19th, approximately midway between the Marianas and the Philippines. Aircraft from our carriers attacked before dusk. Known damage inflicted upon the enemy's ships was not considerable, as much of the task force escaped during the night. In a formal statement broadcast yesterday (June 23) by the chief of the naval press section of Japanese Imperial Headquarters, quite a sensible picture of the situation was presented, something rather unusual to come out of Tokyo. The spokesman said a major effort would have to be made by the Japanese to turn back the American naval force, centered around more than 20 fleet carriers and a dozen battleships. He said "the furiousness of the enemy's [United States] fighting morale is the greatest since the beginning of the war." He said also that Japan and the Philippines are now within the sphere of American bombing planes, and that the Saipan operation is an "advance into our inner line."

President Roosevelt, speaking on a radio program June 19, said we can force the Japanese "to unconditional surrender or to national suicide much more readily than had been thought possible." When American troops occupy the Bonin Islands and begin bombing all the dense industrial portions of Japan at distances under 700 miles, unless the Japanese surrender they will commit "national suicide."

CHERBOURG

The fall of Cherbourg, the third largest port in France, appears to be only a matter of hours, despite the heavy resistance by thousands of German troops. On June 23 a copy of a "fight or die" order issued by General von Schlieben, commanding the

fortress of Cherbourg, was published in the press. The order said: "Withdrawal is punishable by death. I empower every leader in every grade to shoot down on sight anyone who leaves his post because of cowardice. The hour is serious. Only will power and readiness for fighting and heroism to death can help." The issuance of such an order signifies that the enemy garrison is already expended on the rolls of the German army. If the troops are first-class they will fight for some days through the streets of Cherbourg from house to house; if they are mediocre they will surrender tomorrow (June 25), and I believe them to be mediocre. An Allied statement issued June 23 said: "The Cherbourg defenses are fairly formidable but a prolonged siege is unlikely." An American officer said to Don Whitehead, Associated Press correspondent at the front: "This phase of the battle for Cherbourg is just a typical dirty job for the doughboy. There is nothing to do but dig the Germans out one by one from their holes."

THE INFANTRY

(From Colonel Landers' Broadcast, June 14)

Tomorrow has been designated "Infantry Day"—a day on which to honor the Infantry of the Army of the United States. The day was chosen because on June 15, 1775, the second Continental Congress, meeting in Philadelphia, made George Washington commander-in-chief of all the military forces of the Colonies. You may ask, why set aside a day to honor the Infantry; why select the doughboy from the large family of military experts, and laud his bravery, skill, tenacity and accomplishments? There is no justifiable reason in the world, unless in your search for one you find it in the recesses of your memories, buried in the secret thoughts accumulated throughout the years.

Certainly in creating my wreath of words to lay at the feet of those gone, or to offer in humbleness of spirit as a garland of adornment to those of the Infantry still marching on, I shall not weave into that wreath words as meaningless as "Queen of Battle." In this tribute of mine I shall not refer to the Infantry in superlative language—to do so might be viewed as creating unwarranted assumptions merely because of the day. In our great family of fighting sons, I shall mention only this once; some of the other gallant members—airmen, cavalry, artillery, armored forces, engineers, and still others—in our hearts they have, each one of them his own niche—but tomorrow? Tomorrow belongs to the Infantry. Nor do I intend to drag the Infantryman in spirit through rain and muck, or have him forever enduring the hot blasts

of the Saharas, the creeping exhaustion of the jungles, or the Polar gales of Attu. I am thinking of the Infantryman as I was one, years ago; as my son is today. And you think of your own doughboy as having centered on him tomorrow all the love it will be possible for you to project to him.

A dozen or so years ago Ernie Pyle used to drop in at my office in Washington, to talk about the history of American military events on which I was working. He was a delightful companion, because his heart and interest were in his questions seeking military information. I thought then what a fine soldier he would make. He has proven himself such in this war. He is one of the outstanding correspondents in Europe. He recently wrote from a ship in a convoy while crossing to the Normandy coast. Ernie, in looking ahead to the landing a few hours away and then on into the immediate future, was certain that his own case of nerves was far worse than what some of the other veteran correspondents were suffering. He said fear lay deep upon his consciousness. No one, no matter how much a veteran, goes into battle free from fear.

This war has brought forth the miracle whereby the comfort of religion seeks a lodging place in every fox-hole. The war of a quarter of a century ago brought about the miracle of the Divine Spark, entering the soul of every man as he stood poised on the top tread of the trench, awaiting the zero hour to attack. That is how the soldier gets strength to overcome fear. It is from Above that the captain has his will power multiplied ten-fold, so that he may not only brush aside his personal fear, but that he may aid his men in overcoming the fear within their own breasts. All the case anyone need make for the Infantry is to mention Bataan, New Guinea, the Solomons, the Gilberts, the Marshalls, Attu, Tunisia, Sicily, Salerno, Cassino, Rome and Normandy. What a wreath of magnificent laudations can be woven from the history of the glorious deeds performed by American Infantry at those places.

General Marshall, Chief of Staff of the Army, has said: "The battle team is a team of many parts, the decisive element of which remains the same little-advertised, hard-bitten foot soldier with his artillery support."

Lieutenant General Richardson said: "There is a certain nobility about the Infantryman that shines through his battle-stained face and sweaty clothes. You sense the gravity of his role in the battle."

Lieutenant General McNair, Commanding General, Army Ground Forces, has said: "Despite the public's fascination with the mechanized phase of modern war, we in the service know full well that the

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History of the American Flag



FOR ONE hundred and fifty years the flags of the old world, and more particularly the flags of England were used in the American Colonies.

The first flag made especially for Colonial use was that designed by Sir Edmund Andros in 1683 which had the red cross of St. George on a white ground. This had only a limited use. In the year 1737 the New England Colonies flag was officially assigned to the Colonies. This was a blue flag with the red cross of St. George on a white ground in the upper left corner, with a representation of the glove in the upper left angle of the cross. When the war of Independence began in 1775 several new flags were used, notably the Pine Tree and Snake flags. The flag most generally used however, both on land and sea was the Cambridge or Grand Union flag. This was the first time that thirteen red and white stripes were used. This flag was in general use for a year and a half. In June of the year 1777 after deliberation by a committee of which George Washington was a member, Congress authorized the adoption of a flag of thirteen red and white stripes and thirteen white stars in a blue ground in the upper left hand corner.

This flag was most likely made by Betsy Ross of Philadelphia according to instructions given to her by George Washington. Betsy Ross was responsible for the idea of using a five point star instead of a six pointed one. She showed George Washington how she could cut out a five pointed star with one snip of her scissors after folding the material a certain way. The stars in this first flag were arranged in a circle. One flag used by the Third Maryland Regiment at the battle of Cowpens in 1778 had twelve stars arranged in an oval form with the thirteenth star in the center of the oval. However, before this, flags with the stars in rows instead of a circle were being used. John Paul Jones, the great naval hero of the Revolution had such a flag in 1777.

In 1795, upon the admission of the new States of Vermont and Kentucky the stars and stripes were both changed to fifteen.

This flag was carried in many important battles of the war of 1812. It was flown at the battle of Lake Erie, and at New

Orleans. It was carried by the Lewis & Clark expedition to the Pacific Coast and was the flag used in the war with the Pirates of the Barbary Coast. It flew at the masthead of the "Chesapeake" in the battle with the British warship "Shannon." This was also the "Star-spangled Banner" which Francis Scott Key wrote about at the attack on Fort Henry in 1814.

Later, in 1818, when more States were added to the Union, Congress decided to return to the use of thirteen stripes and to increase the number of stars as new states were added to the Union.

The number of Stars in the Flag was gradually increased by the addition of new States. In 1831 there were 25 stars, this was the flag called "Old Glory" by Capt. William Driver commander of the brig "Charles Daggett" who carried the flag into many parts of the world. In 1845 there were 29 stars, this was the flag of the Mexican War of that date. At the time of the Civil War in 1861 the flag contained 36 stars and when the Spanish War of 1898 occurred this number had grown to 45. It was not until the admission of Arizona in 1912 that the Flag contained the 48 stars as we now know it.

The honor of the flag has been well maintained through the years by a long line of eminent commanders and we should in these days treat it with the utmost reverence.

At Washington, in 1923 the National Flag Conference adopted the "Code of the Flag". The opening sentences of this Code are as follows:

"The Flag of the United States symbolized that Freedom, Equality, Justice and Humanity for which our Forefathers sacrificed their lives...."

Some of the instructions on the use of the Flag were:

"The Flag should be displayed from sunrise to sunset only...."

"When carried in procession with other Flags the place of the Stars and Stripes is always to the right...or in front of the line of other Flags."

THE PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all."



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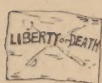
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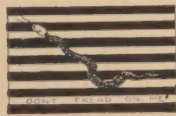
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Evolution of the United States Flag

1. New England, 1772
2. Taunton, 1774
3. Newbury, 1774
4. East India
5. Col. Moultrie, 1775
6. Philadelphia, 1774
7. Fort Sullivan, 1776
- 8, 9. Virginia
10. Sons of Liberty, Pa.
11. Minute Men, 1775
12. Sons of Liberty, N. Y.
- 13, 15, 23. South Carolina
14. Pennsylvania device, 1776
16. Lexington-Concord, 1775

17. Continental Navy, 1776
- 18, 19, 20, 22. New England, 1775
- 21, 23, 25. Bunker Hill, 1775
24. Col. Gadsden, 1776
26. Virginia, 1776
27. Union Flag, 1776
28. United States, June 14, 1777
29. United States Flag, 1795
- Above Present United States Flag

On Saturday, June 14, 1777, this sentence was inscribed on the record pages on the Continental Congress: "Resolved that the flag of the United States be 13 stripes alternate red and white, that the Union be 13 stars white in a blue field, representing a new constellation." That was the beginning of our national flag, with only the arrangement of the stars and their number changed since then.

Before the first American Flag of 1772, there were many other flags, originating with the First Colonial military banner in 1747.



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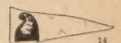
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RED CROSS ACTIVITIES AT B.G.H.

NEW SIDEWALK SUPERINTENDENTS' CLUB FLOURISHES AT 'OLD' HOSPITAL

By Louise Milliken
Red Cross Recreation Worker

The Sidewalk Superintendents' Club at the Old Hospital is gathering new members. Last week officers were appointed to see that the purpose of the club is kept constantly before its members—that the building of the Red Cross house progresses on schedule, and that the morale of the workers is kept up. Ward 35 men led the field, with Lange as Super Superintendent, Hall as Assistant Super Superintendent, Herman Bowhuis as Chief Bedside Superintendent, and Marchiori as Potentate. Smathers, Crum, and Sanders are others who wear their white caps with pride. On a recent visit to the "Old Hospital", Lt. Leisering of the Hospital Inspector's office, expressed a great deal of interest in the club, so at a special ceremony, he was presented with a cap, and named Chief Inspection Superintendent.

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Bingo parties are now a weekly feature on Wards 25 & 27. The men there have quite a system: they pick out their prizes first and then work to get what they want. Chapman succeeds pretty often, but Mullin has hard work making luck come his way. Foxman has given up hopes of winning, and when he starts to play he can be heard to mutter, "Some days you can't make a nickel!" However, hope springs eternal, and each week every one optimistically picks his prize.

LAWN PARTY . . .

By Evalyn Turner
Red Cross Recreation Worker

"A Lawn Party? I wouldn't know how to act? I haven't been to one for years!" said Bill, a patient in Annex III when invited to the Lawn Party on Thursday, June 8th. But he attended that party and really enjoyed it. You see, he's really a ping-pong champ and he found it quite a novelty to play his favorite game outdoors. Later he won a prize because he succeeded in throwing one of his three tennis balls into the clown's mouth. He

had to wait in line for his turn at this popular sport, but it was worth it.

Later Bill enjoyed the ring toss game, and by the way, fellows, did anyone ever find a name for the game that was improvised using the rubber ten pins? Some fun!

Music added to the entertainment when Francisco Diaz from Ward 40 played his guitar, and Marian Yeager played her accordian; then everyone stretched their vocal chords in an informal "sing."

Novelty of the evening was the arrival of the Canteen Car which was well initiated that evening in its first appearance. Cokes and donuts were served by members of the Red Cross Canteen Corps. So you see, all in all, Bill and a lot of other fellows had a very good time.

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Have you ever happened in at Annex III during a Bingo party? You will find the ping-pong table doing double service as Bingo table for twelve. Others are grouped around smaller tables, while several patients take turns calling out the Bingo numbers and some of those patients really are lucky and leave the game with their pockets filled with prizes. Candy and cigarettes are within easy reach, and before we realize it — it's time for mess.

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Have you ever played double deck Pinochle in the Annex III Day Room, with the sergeant whose "bark is worse than his bite?" He really knows his cards, and the way he looks so intently at the back of other people's hands makes us actually wonder if he can see through those cards and spot that last ace. He plays so well that it seems very probable. Better try some Pinochle, fellows. You'd enjoy it, too!

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

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given, these reasons should stimulate all who read this article.

It is the desire of the Chaplain to urge regular attendance on the part of those connected with our hospital and a good schedule of Catholic and Protestant activities is always promised.

Remember, there is no better place for worship than in the beautiful Chapels of the Army, and you will always be welcome at Brooke's.

—Chaplain Ollie G. Matthews.



NEWS from the Army Nurse Corps

By 2nd Lt. Mary E. Hansen



CAMPUS NEWS

Lt. Gladiola Caldwell spent a delightful week-end in Temple.

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Footlights—Capt. Baker has changed her hair style; very becoming, Gayle.

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Capt. and Mrs. "Blondie" Parker are busy making plans for the future and making Indianapolis, Ind., their home. Capt. Parker is back in the groove working in "Willy's Laboratory." They plan to move into their new home the 1st of July. Good luck to you both!

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NEWS FROM ENGLAND

Lt. "Muffy" A. Benson found England not only beautiful in "spots" but very romantic. She and Smitty were married June 5th.

Remember Marion Allore? She is now Mrs. Vanderheiden. Stationed in England, she too found romance and was married on Easter Sunday. Marion and hubby spent their honeymoon in Scotland.

By the "grapevine" we hear that Lt. Reidland is contemplating marriage; the wedding date has not as yet been set. Although we haven't met him, we know he is a very lucky fellow.

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STORK NEWS

Mrs. Ruth Gott Reese, wife of Captain Charles W. Reese, Army Air Corps, is the proud mother of a 7-pound baby boy, born June 21st at Brooke General Hospital. Congratulations, Mrs. Reese! Ruth will be remembered as one of the two nurses photographed for plates in "Nurses in Action," the book by Colonel Julia Flikke, A.N.C.

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NURSES HOME

By Nicholas L. Loyd Ingraham, R.N.

From here go nurses mending broken lives,
With swords of science raised to conquer pain;

These bravely fight off Death until he drives
Away, convinced that his assaults are all
in vain.

This home is symbol, soul and pulsing heart
Of those who humbly ply the healing art.

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IT'S NOT THE HEAT—!

By Sgt. Irving Caress

I don't mind the heat of the tropics,
I find I'm not bothered at all,
But what irks me in body and spirit
Are the things that are small—and crawl.

I slip into bed in the darkness,
After shedding my shirt and pants—
I think I'm alone, set for slumber,
But the bed is crawling with ants.

I open the lid of my locker
Every morn when the dawn approaches:
My shirts and my socks are a haven
For a slew of scurrying roaches.

I squirt bug repellent about me
On the bed, below and above it,
The repellent is apt to rout me—
But the insects thrive on and love it.

Some day when I'm home from the jungle
And these tropical days I recall,
I know what will cling to my mem'ry
Are the things that are small—and crawl.

A WAR EXPERT VIEWS THE NEWS

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finish must come on land—not on the sea or in the air—and that the decisive struggle will be fought by the Infantry and its supporting arms and services."

The Infantryman, when he has completed his soul-testing mission, must frequently hang on to what he has gained against violent and repeated counter attacks. There is nothing between him and the enemy. Infantry personnel hold twenty-three of the forty-nine Congressional Medals of Honor, awarded in this war to Army personnel. Valor, in an Infantryman's heart, is always there—to be brought into bold action through his own inspired determination.

Ernie Pyle has said: "I love the Infantry. They are the mud-rain-frost-wind boys. They have no comforts and they even learn to live without the necessities. In the end they are the guys that the war can't be won without."



THE ABOVE MEN REPRESENT THE PLATOON WHICH MARCHED IN REVIEW at the ceremonies awarding the Congressional Medal of Honor posthumously to Staff Sergeant William J. Bordelon. Included in the picture are Pvt. Paul Boykin, Pvt. Roy McAdams, Sgt. Duward Proctor, Cpl. Larry Chavez, Cpl. Arthur Corbishley, Cpl. Preston Emory, Pvt. Thomas Fonseca, Pfc. Henry Forman, T/4 John Knutsen, Pvt. Edgar Little, Cpl. William Martin, Sgt. Martin Masselle, Pvt. Neil Russell, Pfc. Stanley Van Horn, Pfc.

Elias Valdez, Pfc. Bob MacDonald, Cpl. Everett T. Lambert, Pfc. Charles Huebner, Cpl. James Frail, Sgt. Kenneth Conway, Pvt. W. L. Lambert, Pvt. Jesse Tilton, T/4 Axel Christenson, and Pfc. Honoreus Guerin. Other men included in the photograph above to fill out the platoon (original members of the platoon which marched in review have since been transferred) included Pvt. Gerald E. Bates, C Hueske, T/5 Martin F. Nelson, Sgt. Claude A. Baker, Jr., S/Sgt. Stanley F. Gasiorek, T/Sgt. Alfred W. Johnson, and Pvt. Russell N. Hoon.

★★ Overseas Men From Brooke March in Review at Posthumous Award to Sergeant Bordelon ★★

Through an oversight, it seems that the platoon of overseas men from the Reconditioning Unit, Annex IV, of Brooke General Hospital were not mentioned in publicity covering the posthumous awarding of the Congressional Medal of Honor to Staff Sergeant William J. Bordelon, United States Marine Corps, on Saturday evening, June 17th.

Brooke General Hospital is proud of the fact that this group of men, many of them wearing Purple Heart Ribbons for their awards of the Purple Heart "for wounds received in action against the enemy," were able to attend the impressive ceremonies held for one of San Antonio's foremost heroes of World War II. It was a fine gesture for these men to march in review on so important an occasion and we at Brooke will long remember this.

Those who made up the platoon headed by Lt. Hugh Lotton, included the following: Pvt. Paul Boykin, Pvt. Roy McAdams, Sgt. Duward Proctor, Cpl. Larry Chavez, Cpl. Arthur Corbishley, Cpl. Preston Emory, Pvt. Thomas Fonseca, Pfc. Henry Forman, T/4 John Knutsen, Pvt. Edgar Little, Cpl. William Martin, Sgt. Martin Masselle, Pvt. Neil Russell, Pfc. Stanley Van Horn, Pfc. Elias Valdez, Pfc. Bob MacDonald, Cpl. Everett T. Lambert, Pfc. Charles Huebner, Cpl. James Frail, Sgt. Kenneth Conway, Pvt. W. L. Lambert, Pvt. Jesse Tilton, T/4 Axel Christenson, Pfc. Honorious Guerin, Sgt. George Heath, Pfc. Willard F. Keppord, T/5 Carl Stephenson, Pvt. Charles Larue, Pvt. Luther Whitley, Pfc. Elliott Glassman, Pfc. William L. Seymour, S/Sgt. Joseph Livingston, Pfc. Wilburn T. Talant, and T/5 Theodore Banik.

Pictured at the right are ten men of Brooke's Reconditioning Unit who have been awarded the Purple Heart "for wounds received in action against the enemy." They are, left to right, Cpl. Larry Chavez, Pfc. Bob MacDonald, Pfc. Elias Valdez, Pfc. Charles Huebner, 1st Sergeant Gaskell Harden, T/5 Theodore Banik, Pvt. Edgar Little, Sgt. Duward Proctor, Pvt. Freddie Dipple and Cpl. William Martin.



Purple Heart men at Annex IV Brooke General Hospital

BACK THE ATTACK EVEN MORE THAN BEFORE—BUY ANOTHER WAR SAVINGS BOND TODAY!

BROOKE RECONDITIONING UNIT NEWS



BILLY HAYES

"PENROD" PERFORMS AT BROOKE

By Sgt. Joey Gottlieb

Pvt. Billy Hayes, a member of the Reconditioning Unit, Annex IV, at Brooke, and whom many of you here had the pleasure of seeing perform in last week's "Convalescent Capers" show, is an actor from 'way back.

Billy was born in New Bedford, Massachusetts in the year 1921, and exactly nine years later was starred in the Penrod and Sam pictures. He made eight pictures in all, playing the role of Penrod. Billy Jordon who played the part of Sam, still in pictures, is of the "Dead End Kids" fame. Billy also appeared with Joe Penner in a couple of Christmas shorts, and appeared in "Hey, Pop" with one of the world's funniest fat men . . . "Fatty" Arbuckle, who at that time was staging a come-back in pictures.

Since Billy's contract called for one picture a month, he continued to go to Guardian Angel Catholic School, being allowed off five days each month for the purpose of making pictures.

Pvt. Hayes has appeared in a couple of Camp shows during his "basic," and because he is no longer a juvenile, he goes in for the more serious type of impersonations, like Durante, W. C. Fields, James Cagney,

Lionel Barrymore, and Lou Costello. As soon as he completes reconditioning, from his operation, he hopes to return to duty with his old outfit, the 34th Medical Depot.

Pvt. Hayes is also looking forward to going back into pictures after the war is over.

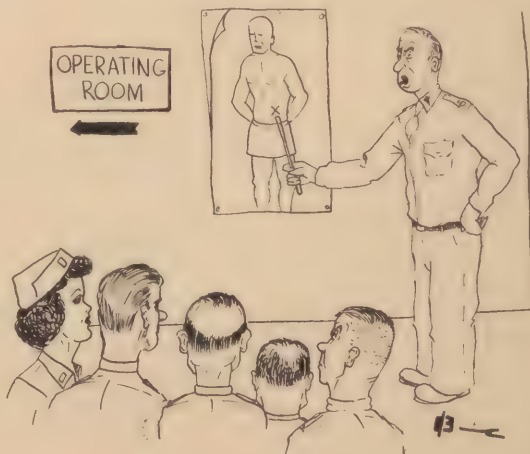
DANCE AT LA VILLITA

A dance at La Villita was held for the men of the Reconditioning Unit, Friday June 23. Miss Burrows of the M & S Hospital of San Antonio arranged for the "feminine element" for the dance. The young ladies (fifty in all) were Cadet Nurses of the M & S Hospital, and music was furnished by the Brooks Field Dance Orchestra. Refreshments and a floor-show were also included in the evening's program.

The dance was the second of a series, the first being held at La Villita in April, exclusively for the men of the Reconditioning Unit. Guests of honor included Major and Mrs. R. T. Wilkinson, Capt. Brophy, Capt. and Mrs. Deragisch, Lt. and Mrs. Segall, Lt. and Mrs. Lotton, Lt. and Mrs. Garcia, Lt. and Mrs. Alexander, Lt. and Mrs. Fabian, and Lt. Kovacs.

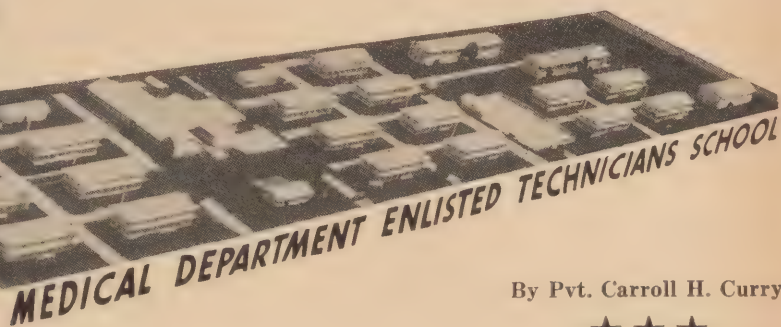
THIRTY SOLDIERS WERE GUESTS AT USO LUNCHEON

The USO on East Quincy Street played host to thirty men of this Unit at a luncheon in their honor on Thursday, June 22nd.
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"This is our target for tonight."

—Drawn by Cpl. Murray Barbash,
Reconditioning Unit—Annex IV.



By Pvt. Carroll H. Curry



MEMORIES

These are some of the things that students remember after leaving MDETS: S/Sgt. "Buttons" Naiman's leer as you enter the mess hall with a pocket unbuttoned—T/4 "Red" Cook's inevitable smile and cheery greetings—Chaplain Deale's Sunday morning visits to the barracks to arouse "his boys"—Company B restrictions—monthly graduation shows at the assembly hall—Lt. Ward's voice on the drill field—Saturday nights in S.A.—the horseshoe games beside the mess hall—the difficulties encountered in trying to get in by bedcheck time—the "beer terrace" at the P.X.—the scenes in the swimming pool—Major Daggett's feats of magic—the proximity of the WACs—the dances at the Service Club—the incessant blowing of whistles in the school area—and the GIRLS in the headquarters building.

PERSONALITIES

Men of our headquarters detachment seem to be in an uproar about a S. A. girl who was left behind when a group of the cadremen left for Camp Berkeley. T/5 Carlton says that he is the only one who knows her address.

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Lt. Green's favorite job is being Officer of the Day, since he became a member of the "Cradle Corps." That's the only night that he doesn't have to walk the floor with his baby.

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When Pfc. Hooper was transferred to the post band, Company A lost one of its best comedians. We all wish him the very best of luck.

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TO: Kehn. SUBJECT:

Hosses. You may be able to handle the gentler sex, but certainly not even the gentlest of horses.

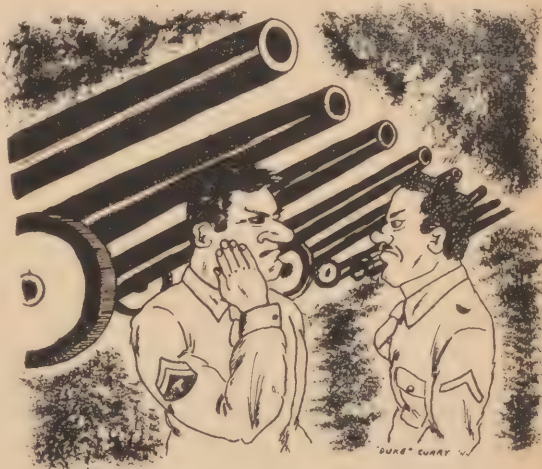
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T/4 "Abie" Baeyens is getting into practice for some big post-war money-making ventures.

MDETS SPORTS

The MDETS softball team is still trying to wedge its way back to the top ranking spot. They showed a lot of "punch" when they overpowered the Reconditioning Unit Tuesday, 6 June, to the tune of 13 to 0. However, a week later, the strong Randolph Field team reversed the situation by piling up the same score against the MDETS group. On Thursday, 15 June, the Medics tied the SPRC team, with a score of 1-all. This game was called at the end

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"Choose your weapons . . . !"

—Drawn by
Pvt. Carroll H. Curry.



BROOKE SPORTS

Edited by Pvt. R. C. Guthrie.



BROOKE NINE WINS FIVE STRAIGHT

In the last issue of the Bluebonnet we predicted the Brooke General Hospital baseball team had finally found the right combination and was ready to roll. A glance at the records of the past week and half of play will prove that our prognostication was one hundred per cent correct.

The "Medics" have chalked up six victories in their last seven games and have won the last five contests in a row. Excellent pitching coupled with a generous amount of base hits is the secret of the BGH nine's success, along with real heads-up baseball.

In their first two encounters last week the Medics split two games with the Kelly Field Base Detachment team, winning the first one behind a 4-hit pitching chore by Carl King, 3-0, and losing the second, 5-3. From there on it was all in the victory column for Lt. John Ward's fast-moving aggregation.

The next game saw the "Medicos" down the heretofore undefeated Kelly Field Colored Thunderbolts in a contest at Fort Sam, 8-6. "Whitey" Hartman pitched masterful ball for the BGH nine in chalking up his third win of the season for the Hospital. Hartman allowed eight hits, but kept them well scattered.

On Sunday the Brooke team took to the road to annex their second straight series. They trekked to Fredericksburg to down a strong Giant team, 5-2. This was only the second defeat of the season for the Giants. Carl King was again the winner and marked

down No. 5 in the victory column for the former Canadian League star. H. Klaerner, former St. Paul pitcher in the American Association, twirled for Fredericksburg. Olson and Humphrey garnered two hits in four trips to the plate to lead the Brooke hitters.

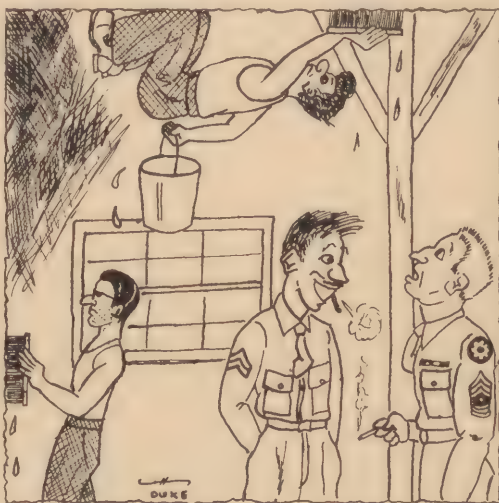
Victory No. 3 came next with little Johnny Foell winning his first game of the season in downing the Kelly Industrial Soldiers of the Spanish-American League, 8-3, at Richter Field. This game was featured by a pair of home runs clouted over the left field fence by Tonella and Twohnery, Brooke General infielders.

Declaring a field day last Friday, the BGH nine pounced on the Miller-Park Giants of the Span-Am League for 14 hits and 19 runs to annihilate the M. and P. team, 19-1. "Whitey" Hartman was again the winner, bringing his victory string to four. Bart Olson, Medic slugging shortstop, led the parade with three hits in three trips to the platter for a perfect day.

Climaxing this great week of play. Sunday, the Brooke General outfit defeated a highly touted Camp Swift team of Austin, Tex., 9-4 for their fifth straight win. Carl King and Johnny Foell split the pitching chore. King tired in the fifth and Foell took up the hurling duty and received credit for the victory. The two Brooke hurlers struck out 15 Swift batters and allowed only 6 hits. Every man on the Hospital nine garnered at least one safe hit.

Another week crammed full of fine baseball is on tap for the "Medics" this week. Tuesday will see the Brooke team take on

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"In civilian life he was known as 'Smith,
the Human Fly!'"

—Drawn by Pvt. Carroll H. Curry.

BROOKE NINE WINS
 FIVE STRAIGHT

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a fine colored team from the San Antonio Cadet Center. Wednesday they will again take on the Kelly Base Detachment aggregation. Friday, at Christy Mathewson Field Don's Cafe team of the Span-Am league will visit for the first time, and Saturday the 13th Armored Division team from Camp Bowie, will furnish some fine competition for the Hospital team. Sunday as a fitting climax to a great week of baseball, the Brooke team will travel to Richter Field in San Antonio to try and avenge two previous defeats at the hands of the Kelly Field War Workers. This should be a real ball game as the "Medics" have fire in their eye, and really want to take this one.

Team Batting Averages

	Avg.	AB.	H.
1. Kilmer .....	.351	37	13
2. Foell .....	.333	9	3
3. Tonella .....	.313	16	5
4. Mayhew .....	.307	13	4
5. Olson .....	.302	63	19
6. Wray .....	.293	31	9
7. Broadway .....	.288	59	16
8. Saloh .....	.230	13	3
9. Humphreys .....	.229	22	5
10. Fair .....	.222	45	10
11. Hartman .....	.217	23	5
12. Twohney .....	.210	19	4
13. Saunders .....	.200	20	4
14. King .....	.153	26	4
15. Guthrie .....	.086	23	2

Pitching Records

	W.	L.		W.	L.
King	5	0	Dietz	0	1
Hartman	4	1	Kraus	0	2
Foell	2	2	Fair	0	2

MDETS SPORTS

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of the tenth inning, and will be played over at a later date.

As the team entered the new Fort Sam League, Monday, 19 June, they were downed by the 192nd Signal Corps, by a score of 2 to 0. S/Sgt. Voelkel has been doing a fine job of pitching for the Medics, while Sanford, a newcomer to the team, proved to the boys that he can take good care of the clean-up position.

Tuesday, 20 June, the team went ahead to win from PRU of SAACC, by a score of 8 to 5. Earnhart was seen to be back in his old form again by untying the score in the sixth inning with a home run.

MDETS Team Averages up to and including 20 June, 1944

	G.	AB.	H.	Ave.
Carlton, sf.....	20	61	27	.443
Siroky, 2b.-p.....	3	10	4	.400
Young, c.....	5	15	5	.333
Earnhart, 1b.....	18	53	16	.302
Voelkel, p.....	15	43	13	.302
Sanford, lf.....	5	10	3	.300
Scherff, cf.....	5	8	2	.250
Carroll, 2b.....	5	15	3	.200
Ritchie, 3b.....	6	16	3	.188
Esselstyn, rf.....	18	43	8	.186
McManus, ss.....	4	12	0	.000

REMEMBER — Brooke General Hospital's Baseball teams could use some moral support. Come on out and witness some of the fine games offered.

If you know someone who would make a good recruit for the WAC fill out the form below and mail to the Office of the Commanding General, Brooke General Hospital, Fort Sam Houston, Texas

SUGGESTED NAMES FOR W.A.C.

NAME
Address
Town and State
Age Race Married Single
NAME
Address
Town and State
Age Race Married Single

POSTWAR JOBS IN TELEVISION

Anyone who wants to know more about postwar employment prospects in the television industry will find helpful information in a six page folder on **Occupations in Television** by John E. Crawford of the Radio Corporation of America, just published by Occupational Index, Inc., New York University, New York 3, N. Y. Single copies are 25c, cash with order.

In brief, readable style the author discusses postwar prospects, training required, methods of entrance and advancement, range of salaries, advantages and disadvantages of television as a career. For those who want more detailed data 3 sources of further information are listed, and the 5 best books are recommended from a collection of 21 publications examined in preparing the folder.

This is one of a series of Occupational Abstracts covering fields which are expected to expand rapidly after the war. The subscription price for the series is \$2.50 a year.

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RED CROSS THANKS CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES

The following letter from the Bexar County Chapter of the American Red Cross to Brig. Gen. Geo. C. Beach will be of special interest to Civilian employees of this hospital. We quote the letter in full:

June 21, 1944

Dear General Beach:

The Blood Donor Service of the American Red Cross is eager to express to you and your civil service employees, our great appreciation for the wonderful cooperation you have given us in this great program. The fine representation from Brooke General Hospital has helped us meet our weekly quota of blood.

Mrs. Eaves and Mrs. Zander of the Personnel Section of Brooke General, have done a wonderful job in bringing in groups of civilian employees to our Center each week for many months. We sincerely hope that they will continue to interest the people in the urgent need for this life-saving plasma. We will gladly continue to arrange group appointments to suit their convenience.

Again may I express our thanks to all of you.

Very sincerely,

/S/ (Mrs.) Lillian S. Roots,
Director.

MEMO TO CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES

The following memorandum was sent to all Civilian Employees of Brooke recently. Because we're proud of our record we want all our friends to know:

"The Commanding General, Eighth Service Command has conferred upon Brooke General Hospital a certificate placing this hospital upon the Roll of Honor, certifying that ninety-five per cent or more of the civilian personnel is enrolled in the Army Pay Reservation Plan, and twelve per cent or more of the monthly pay roll is being invested in Savings Bonds.

I desire personally to extend my appreciation to each of you for this accomplishment, and hope our past splendid record will even be exceeded during the Fifth War Bond Drive.

Each civilian employee is invited to view this certificate which has been hung in the lobby of the main building."

The memorandum was signed by Brig. Gen. Geo. C. Beach, Commanding Brooke.



"And now we will hear from our Australian Correspondent."

—Drawn by Cpl. Murray Barbash,
Reconditioning Unit—Annex IV.



" . . . And stop tellin' me to blow it outa my barracks bag!"

The above Cartoon is by Sgt. Joey Gottlieb and
Cpl. Murray Barbash, Reconditioning Unit—Annex IV

GIRLS, LISTEN!

About Bill H. Tucker, a patient on Ward 4, who has, according to reliable sources, one of the most BASHFUL and LOVABLE dispositions in the Hospital . . . also, he has very rosy cheeks and BLUSHES wonderfully!—like the time last week when Margie Stewart was here and gave him a KISS because he looked so innocent (which he is!).

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PHILOSOPHY

—By Pvt. William H. Tucker
Patient on Wd 4

What do we get if we hurry through life?
Nothing but sorrow and trouble and strife;

Take time to dabble in pleasure and dreams
And nothing is ever as bad as it seems.

To every man the end must come,
Sooner for one, later for some;
But if he's been just and if he's been kind,
The best that was in him will linger behind.

LIEUTENANTS MAY TRANSFER TO INFANTRY

According to War Department Circular No. 229, any Lieutenant under 32 years of age within the continental limits of the United States who is physically qualified for overseas duty under the provisions of "Preparation for Overseas Movement (POM)" may volunteer for assignment and duty in the Infantry (subject to War Department approval) except the following: Officers assigned to units which are alerted for or under movement orders for overseas

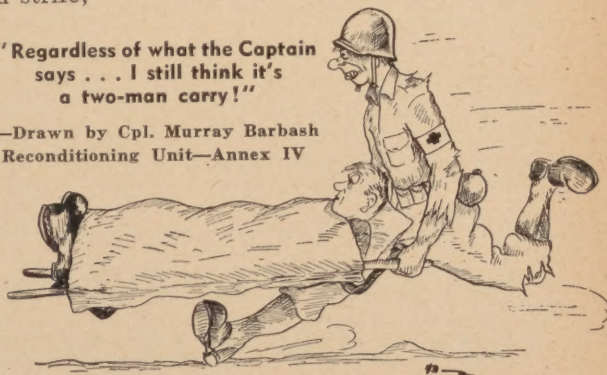
service; officers assigned to pools in zone of the interior personnel replacement depots, or Army Air Forces personnel as follows: Aviation students in flying phases of their training, officers in Army Air Forces flying, technical, or other schools, pilots and members of air crews; or officers assigned to combat units of Army Service Forces and Army Air Forces; or officers on flying status; or officers of the Women's Army Corps.

Any Lieutenant desiring to volunteer will make written request through channels to the Adjutant General without delay for appropriate action.

For further information, consult your Adjutant or refer to the above mentioned circular.

"Regardless of what the Captain says . . . I still think it's a two-man carry!"

—Drawn by Cpl. Murray Barbash
Reconditioning Unit—Annex IV



HERE and THERE at BGH

By a Babbling Brookelet

We think Irene Anderson has learned her lesson: that of cutting flower stems while the flowers are still in her hair; what a shame to cut those beautiful shiny black locks, right out of the center of your head, Irene!

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Who was seen draped over the staircase between the second and third floors recently, serenading a young lady with his "super - masculine" vocal chords?

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We certainly regretted losing Lts. Pfeiffer, Louis, Popik, Tomme, Donohue, Mustian, Carter, King, and Hilburn to the A.S.F. T.C., Fort Louis, Washington, but the best of luck to all and we hope you like your new assignments, fellas!

—also we'd like to extend

CONGRATULATIONS! to Lt. Hilburn on his marriage of June 10. Happiness to you both, Frank and May Lois!

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You "O.D. DODGERS" will have to take your troubles to Miss Evelyn Flake in the future—since the SIMMONS name has been added to the swelling list of Public Relations Personnel.

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For news of Old Mexico—see Kaye Enos, she spent a week in Mexico City recently. And some of the experiences she relates . . . MY! MY!!

A certain Major flew all the way from California to see a certain Miss we know at Brooke. Could it be that "Camel Conversation" had something to do with it?

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....and what's this we hear about the Handsome Hesser twins? Yes! We knew they'd left these parts but what we didn't know before they left is that Charles - -

Yes, Charles! has gotten himself engaged. What in the world is Frank going to do?

---and while we're on the subject of romance, what Laboratory Technician is reportedly engaged to what officer at Fort Sam Houston?

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Who's "newest" has the CUTEST way of saying: "You're so SWEET!" and adds in his best Southern Accent "Sugah!"

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Lt. F. Leisering really went

around Brooke with a long face when the Larry-Fred Combination (Larry was transferred) at the "Shack-Out-Back" club broke-up—but Freddie's gay again since he realized the S.O.B. (Shack-Out-Back) club must carry on! So Freddie's found a new partner: Lt. Arthur Silke . . . Yep! Yep! Yeh! Freddie does miss Larry though! Uh-huh! Uh-huh!

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. . . besides losing her shoe, Cinderella also "extracts teeth"—in her own way, of course! . . .



"..... NO, DORIS! You simply CAN'T leave your desk out in the hallway.!"

**Invasion is everyone's job—
BUY MORE WAR SAVINGS BONDS!**

BGH PHYSICAL THERAPY BRIEFS

By Capt. Elsie Kuraner, P.T.

WANTED: Ten Convalescent furloughs for Class V in Physical Therapy.

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Sgt. Ethel E. Walt spent a wonderful but short week-end at Foster Field, Texas recently.

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Class V is grateful for the Super Party given by the Convalescents of Annex IV at La Villita. Morale was really raised on both sides!

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Pfc. Dorothy L. White was floating on air for a whole week. Reason? One little son plus two sisters from West Virginia equals her "contented" look.

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Just had news from down in Georgia that Lt. Louise Jones, of Training Class I is now Mrs. Ralph W. Skinner. She is in charge of Physical Therapy at Battery General Hospital, Rome, Georgia.

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Lt. Norma Seither writes of her experiences in England. She went to the dog races and lost four pounds (in money, not weight). The trouble seems to be that she bet on her butcher and all the dogs came in on all four haunches.

And then one night when sirens began to blow, in her haste to get dressed she slapped on her helmet so hard and fast she completely forgot about the treasured fresh egg hidden in it—so she had not only an egg shampoo but a facial as well.

Lt. Seither reports she is working too—1003 treatments during the month of May, with 50% of her patients returning to full duty.

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A letter from Lt. Rosie Nicks says that she is getting skinny in New Guinea—is happy in khaki—not nervous in the service—getting yellow like the little fellow—never has hysterics in the barracks, and just remember it only takes seven muscles to grin and she wears one constantly.

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Congratulations! to our three new Lts. Short, Windham, and Armstrong. They have spent a long year of hard work and study looking forward to July 1st, 1944 when those gold bars were pinned on. Other members of their class receiving commissions were Lt. Pearl Brooks of Bushnell General Hospital, Brigham City, Utah; Lt. Jane Flannagan of McCloskey General Hospital, Temple Texas; and Lt. Martha

Monroe of Finney General Hospital, Thomasville, Georgia.

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Physical Therapy Clinic at Annex II has reached a new high and now treats 144 patients per day. Nice work, Lt. Hayes!

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The P.T.s are certainly enjoying the new swimming pool. They, with the several A.N.C. members have presented a colorful, splashy, gasping aquacade several days this week.

THIRTY SOLDIERS AT USO LUNCHEON

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Arrangements for the affair were made through Captain John J. Brophy, Adjutant of the Reconditioning Unit and Mr. Irv Lefkowitz, of the USO Jewish Welfare Board. The program also included Dancing and Bingo, with some mighty fine prizes for the Bingo winners. The men were served by the ladies of the Army Wives Club.

SOLDIERS EAT REAL HOME-COOKED MEAL

Ten colored soldiers of this Unit were guests at the Sycamore USO on Wednesday June 15 at 7:00 a.m. Included on the breakfast menu were bacon and eggs, sausages, fruit juices, toast, coffee and milk. The men in front of Annex IV at 6:45 a.m. by colored families of San Antonio, and arrived at the USO in time to hear Miss Stewart, who made the arrangements for the breakfast, say, "How do you want them . . . scrambled or sunny-side-up?" The men enjoyed the breakfast very much, and with a home-cooked breakfast under the belts, returned anxious to enter the scheduled program of the Convalescent Unit.

Patient (in waiting room of doctor's office): "How do you do?"

Second patient: "So-so. I'm aching from neuritis."

First patient: "Glad to meet you. I'm Mendelbaum from Chicago."

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A woman purchasing WAR BONDS told the clerk: "I've been saving this money to divorce my husband, but I can stand him better than I can Hitler!"

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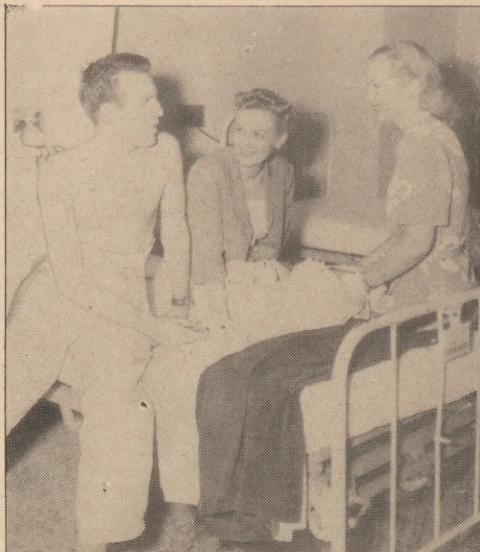
"She's the kind of girl who whispers sweet nothin' doin's in your ear."

CELEBRITIES VISIT AT BROOKE

Official U. S. Army Photos



Left, T/Sgt. George P. White of San Antonio, Texas, patient in Ward 5, wounded near Cas-sino on February 12, gets a visit from Gloria Stuart, movie star when she appeared at Brooke with Hillary Brooke on June 21st.



Below, Pfc. J. P. Turland of Salado, Texas, pa-tient in Ward 5, seems to be getting quite a bit of attention from Margie Stewart and Mary Jane Halsey, movie stars and from magician Roy Denson, of Hollywood, who accompanied the stars to Brooke hospital.



Above—Pvt. Edgar A. Sibley of Dallas, texas, patient in Ward 5, in conversation with Gloria Stuart and Hillary Brooke. Pvt. Sibley, para-trouper was flown all the way from England to Halloran General Hospital, New York, and then to Brooke in the course of 30 hours.



—will end on July 8th. Are you doing your share for Victory? Back the attack now with the purchase of another WAR SAVINGS BOND TODAY!